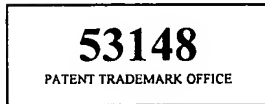


Remarks

The above preliminary amendment is made to amend the title as it appears on the International Publication Page and removed multiple dependencies from claim(s) 4 and 5.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

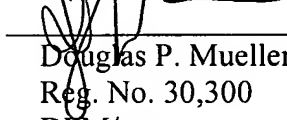
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612)455.3804.



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